CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

Approval of minutes: Senator Lake: Moved / Senator Wise: Second / Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

SAA True Blue Initiative

Tony Alstrom: My name is Tony Alstrom, I am with the student Alumni Association and serve as the education outreach director. This year we have been working hard at making the True Blue website bigger. It has been in existence since 2016 but really hasn’t been used up until this year. It is simply a gofundme site sponsored by USU specifically for clubs that are not affiliated with USUSA. All of your colleges have clubs that fall under that category. As we can see, the ones that have used it up until this point are mostly athletic teams. The idea is that any time they have a nationals event, they need new equipment, they want to go travel, ect. they put up a project and it operates just like a gofundme. They have a page set up with a description, updates, who has donated, and the opportunity to donate. Each individual group, chooses the amounts that could be donated, this is very fluid for how each group wants to set it up, you just submit your ideas to Ryan and he can look over it for you. The submission process is really easy, there is just a link on the top bar of the websites where it says “Start a Project/Apply”, all questions you have are all answered under the “How does it work” page. On the “Apply Now” page, for your college or clubs to have resources they need, whether it is music or science equipment, or team equipment, etc. It depends on how your college wants to use it they can. Simple process, all you have to do is submit. We may be changing the name but for now the ink is usu.edu/trueblue. As senators of your colleges, if you could please get this in front of your clubs, through the club presidents or club presentations, however you would like and let them know about it so they can have the funding to go above and beyond in projects. Last year there were only two groups that tried it, the Engineering group and the Spirit Squad and it did not work super well and it was swept under the rug. This year we had more projects, hockey had an ambitious goal and reached it. So did USU lacrosse, USU Quidditch came up just short. It is an opportunity through social media marketing, sending it through facebook, instagram and email where all those links are available and they can send it to whoever they want. If you have any other questions, Abigail has been working on it as well or you can contact me or Ryans number is on the website as well. Any questions you have right now?

Senator Wise: I know that with certain websites they take a small portion of the money. Because this is through the University, do you do that or would 100% of the money go
Tony: 100% is for you guys. The only exception is for a credit card transaction fee of about 1.75% or 2.75%. But, the rest is all for you. This is mandated across the University, you could do tuition with a credit card and it is the same transaction fee. And the rest of it goes right to you and is available for you to use the next day or the day after. The credit card fee is the only exception. Any other questions?

VP Haas: For ideas for how you can use it in CHASS council, we talked about making your student scholarship through True Blue and having the Dean send it out to the Alumni. It didn’t follow through but it could be a really cool opportunity for your colleges.

Tony: There could be a set up for a long term or yearly. If I remember correctly, this is more of a 30 day, more short term project and this would be great to get started to have an annual fund for scholarships or things like that.

Ryan: Any promotion we are a huge fan of. It is mandated if you want to do online fundraising, you do have to use this site if it is for any club that has an index at USU. All we are asking is that your club presidents are aware of it in case they want to do fundraising and they don’t want to sell chocolate bars outside in the rain.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Vp Haas: Tomorrow at 7:30 is the President’s Breakfast. Make sure you are on time. Sophie sent out an email with directions and a map. Make sure to wear your USU polo that you got at Inauguration. Defensive Driver/FERPA/Crowd Management Training due tomorrow. Sophie was so great and sent us all the email with the links and the information you need so make sure you do that before tomorrow. End of Year Bash is Saturday 6:00 p.m. Involvement Office is looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday and tear down on Saturday. You can find the volunteer spreadsheet on the USUSA involvement facebook page. It would be great if you guys could take a minute to volunteer or invite people to volunteer. Final New Officer Training Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. There is no training tomorrow.. Instead work on your Defensive Driver, FERPA trainings for now. Our last officer training will be the following Tuesday, April 24. Any questions? We will move on to Council Updates.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Lake: I have had my council picked out for a couple weeks. My President is Melinda Olsen. Most of my council is not returning, all but one. We will be having our closing social on Thursday. It’s a Luau, and we will have pizza and games. I have had my first meeting with them and we won’t have a meeting this week but next week. Our retreat is May 8th and we have weekly presidency meetings.

Senator Wise: Applications are out and in years past we have had people that have been spread thin and I am waiting on the college before we pick our Presidency so we have a good distribution of leadership throughout the college. I also wanted to make sure people are aware of legislation I am starting, if any one is interested, I would love to have people jump on board and would love your input. I have been working with Josh Johnson looking into first generation college students because there are some retention issues that some students have brought up to me. We are investigating that, I don’t know if we will go into a resolution, but we are gathering data on what we are doing to benefit those students and if there are any weak spots and what could be improved. We would love to hear your input, especially if any of you are first generation college students or know any, and what the experience has been like and how we can help more. Another thing is that there have been some issues within my own College regarding sexual misconduct and harassment. I have been looking into that and working closely with my Dean. There have been mandates set forth by the faculty for some legislation to tighten some things around
campus. I think it would be great if there was a resolution set out by AS, as well, to match that in the fall to show our united support for these issues. If these are things you would like to be apart of, please let me know.

Senator Allred: I have picked all my council and sent the email on Friday. My President is Ryker More. I sent out a bunch of emails, one of them is a doodle pool for our first meeting before the semester ends. Where we will get responsibilities for the summer sent out.

Senator Kemp: My president is Audree Valkenburg. She was the current one this last year and wanted to continue on. I also have a doodle pool for a meeting time before the semester ends. Which will include introductions of everyone and let everyone know we won’t be meeting again until this fall.

Senator Thomas: I got access to all of my applications today and I have way more applications than I was expecting. I will be going through those and having interviews on Thursday and Friday and selecting a council over the weekend. We have a dinner with the old and the new councils either next week or the following.

Senator Longaker: We held interviews last week and our president is Jayden Turner. We are meeting tomorrow to pick out the rest of the council and get a meeting time set up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading: ASR 2018 - 02: Pursue Open Educational Resources Resolution

VP Haas: There was going to be a second reading on the OER and we are going to table that until the fall so we have the opportunity to be up to date on that. We will revisit that in August and have our second reading. Brooke will be sure to give access to that so when we come back in the fall we can vote on it. Another thing to look forward to in the fall is our first meeting back, we will have a pro tempore discussion. Each of you have your councils where you have a President who is your right hand man and could come to this meeting or any other meetings if you are unavailable, that would be the equivalent of what we will decide for AS. In August, when we know each other better we will have nominations for who would be best to fit that role in this council.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim: No announcements today but I would like to welcome you all. I will probably be calling you in to chat with you the next few weeks but I am excited to be working with you. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Thomas: Moved / Senator Lake: Second / Adjourned

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Olsen, VP Allie Haas, Senator Dexton Lake, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator McKenna Allred, Senator Mason Kemp, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Abigail Longaker, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, Tony Alstrom, Ryan Baldwin